

LBCF 5:2-3

I. Overview of Chapter 5 Of Divine Providence

- a. Providence -
- b. Why overview?
- c. Five Salient Features of God's Providence¹

- d. Five often heard objections to the Doctrine of Providence.

Summary: God, immutable, infallible, most Holy, most wise, most free, most absolute: governs all creatures and things, from the greatest to the least. He is the First Cause of all events in creation and He does this to His own glory. - Greg Nichols²

II. God ordains the use of Means ¶2

Scriptural Support³

- Outcome of War - Proverbs 21:31; Ecclesiastes 9:11
- Appointment of Kings & Rulers – Daniel 4:32,35
- Building a house, or a family, or a city: Psalm 127:1-3; Amos 3:6b
- Illness – Deuteronomy 32:39
- Casting Lots – Proverbs 16:33
- Romance – Proverbs 19:14
- Wealth – Matthew 5:45b; Ecclesiastes 5:19
- Plants & Animals – Matthew 6:28b-30; Matthew 10:29
- Weather – Psalm 135:6-7
- a. God is the First Cause
- b. Second Causes
 - i. Three Kinds of Causation
 - 1. Random (freely)
 - 2. Contingent
 - 3. Necessary

III. God's Use of Means ¶3

- a. Without Means
- b. Above Means
- c. Against Means

¹ Nichols, Greg. Studies in the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith. Sg-audiotreasures.org. Of Divine Providence.

² Ibid.

³ Burchett, Rob. 1689 LBCF, Ch5, Para 3. SermonAudio.com